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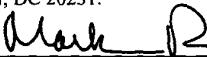
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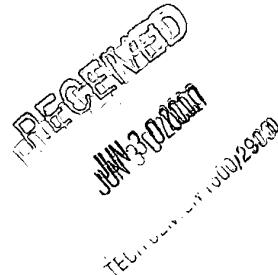
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

A Preliminary Amendment responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 1999.

An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action dated _____.

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- Other: _____.
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 was established in a previous submission.
- A Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.
- Substitute Pages _____ of the Specification are enclosed.
- An Abstract is enclosed.
- _____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: _____
_____ is enclosed.
- An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement.
 - Attached Form 1449.
 - A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- Appended Material as follows: Sequence Listing (pp. 1-49); Sequence Listing in computer readable form; Statement to Support Filing and Submission.
- Other Material as follows: Declaration Under 37 CFR § 1.132.

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SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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